

Pamela M. Iovino, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—6) Pages S299, S307

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, January 29, 2004 for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S329.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### WMD

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine efforts to determine the status of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction and related programs, after receiving testimony from David Kay, former Special Advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence on Strategy Regarding Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 4,763 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration, and Lawrence T. Di Rita, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs; and William A. Chatfield, of Texas, to be Director of Selective Service, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NASA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future space mission of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), focusing on exploration activities in low Earth orbit, the space shuttle, the International Space Station, the Moon, Mars and other destinations, space transportation capabilities supporting exploration, and international and commercial participation, after receiving testimony from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Louis D. Friedman, Planetary Society, Pasadena, California; Neal Lane, Rice University Department of Physics and Astronomy, Houston, Texas; Howard E. McCurdy, American University Department of Public Administration School of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.; and Richard Tumlinson, Space Frontier Foundation, Nyack, New York.

### PAKISTAN AND INDIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding steps toward rapprochement in relation to Pakistan and India from members of the intelligence community.

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*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine steps toward rapprochement, focusing on the aversion of nuclear war, the status of Kashmir, prospects for détente, and controls against arms proliferation, after receiving testimony from Frank Wisner, American International Group, New York, New York; Stephen P. Cohen, Brookings Institution, and Michael Krepon, Henry L. Stimson Center, both of Washington, D.C.

### HEALTH CARE COSTS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health issues relating to health care costs and the uninsured, focusing on inefficiencies in America's health care delivery systems, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Arnold Milstein, Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, California; Karen Davis, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; Christopher J. Conover, Duke University, Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Durham, North Carolina; and Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to

probate of trust and restricted land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Franklin S.

Van Antwerpen, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 3736–3749; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 87–88; H. Con. Res. 351–353, and H. Res. 504–508 were introduced. **Pages H243–244**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H244–245**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2844, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 21 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, amended (H. Rept. 108–404, Pt. 2). **Page H243**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Terry to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H129**

**NASA Workforce Flexibility Act of 2003:** The House passed S. 610, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by a voice vote—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H132–143**

**Withdrawn:**

Flake amendment that was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require that budget requests for the Administration shall include a statement that demonstrates that the amount that was requested for the previous year was equal to or less than reductions in specific item budget requests made for that same year. **Pages H142–143**

H. Res. 502, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a voice vote. **Page H132**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. **Page H132**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 1 p.m. **Page H143**

**Extending the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the U.S. Code is reenacted:** The House passed S. 1920, to extend for 6 months the period

for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted by a yeas-and-nays vote of 165 yeas to 99 nays and one “present”, Roll No. 10. **Pages H148–H222**

Rejected the Schakowsky motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 198 noes and one “present”, Roll No. 9. **Pages H216–218**

Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–407), making technical changes to the text of H.R. 975 as passed by the House by a voice vote. **Page H219**

Rejected:

Baldwin amendment in the nature of a substitute (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–407), that sought to make chapter 12 of title 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy code, dealing with “family farmer” reorganization, permanent and expand eligibility requirements (rejected by a recorded vote of 158 yeas to 204 noes and one “present”, Roll No. 8). **Pages H157–216**

H. Res. 503, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H144–148**

The House agreed to request a conference with the Senate on the bill as amended and rejected the Nadler motion to instruct conferees by a yeas-and-nays vote of 146 yeas to 203 nays and one “present”, Roll No. 11. **Pages H219–222**

Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Hyde, Smith (TX), Chabot, Cannon, Hart, Conyers, Boucher, Nadler, and Watt (NC). **Page H222**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 901–906, 908–909, 911, and 1301–1309 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oxley, Bachus, and Sanders. **Page H222**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Sullivan wherein he resigned from the